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SUBJECT: TORONTO STAR BLASTS AIB REPORT ON CANADAIN-US FOOD PRICES

1. THE LEAD EDITORIAL IN THE DECEMBER 10 TORONTO STAR, "NO
EXPLANATION

FOR HIGHER PRICES," BLASTED THE REPORT ISSUED BY THE ANTI-INFLATION
BOARD DECEMBER 9. ON COMPARATIVE FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND THE
UNITED

STATES. THE EDITORIAL STATED THAT THE AIB REPORT CONFIRMED CANADIAN
FOOD PRICES AS HIGHER THAN US WITH "NO EXPLANATION FOR THE
DIFFERENCE -- EXCEPT FOR SOME VAGUE GENERALITIES THAT AREN'T WORTH
A NICKEL."

2. THE STAR ACCUSED THE BOARD OF MISLEADING CANADIANS IN THE REPORTS
REFERENCE TO PRICE DIFFERENCES IN VANCOUVER AND BELLINGHAM,
WASHINGTON. ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL, "THE LEGITIMATE COMPARISON
IS IN THE BASIC RETAIL PRICES OF IDENTICAL PRODUCTS IN IDENTICAL
SIZED PACKAGES ON SUPERMARKET SHELVES IN THE TWO CITIES," NOT THE
BELLINGHAM PRICE PLUS THE 5.4 PERCENT WASHINGTON STATE SALES
TAX PLUS CANADIAN CUSTOMS DUTIES. THE STAR CONTINUED TO QUESTION WHY
INSTANT COFFEE COSTS 70 PERCENT MORE IN ONTARIO THAN IN NEW YORK
STATE AND MARGARINE 42 PERCENT MORE. "TORONTONIANS -- AND CANADIANS
EVERYWHERE -- ARE STILL WAITING FOR THE ANSWERS. THEY DIDN'T
GET THEM YESTERDAY FROM THE ANTI-INFLATION BOARD."
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